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A Yes, sir.

CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. PFEIFFER:

Q Have you ascertained, since the time you turned them over to Tottel and Beekman how they became broken?

A No, sir.

MR. SIMPSON: Dr. Leahy here yet? Dr. Long here? Put him on, he is clamoring to get away.

DR. WILLIAM H. LONG, duly sworn for  
DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. SIMPSON:

Q What is your profession, Doctor?

A Practising medicine.

Q And are you the county physician of this County?

A I am.

Q Were you on the 19th of September, 1922?

A I was.

Q On that day did you see the bodies of the Reverend Edward Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills? A I did.

Q Where did you see them?

A In some field near New Brunswick, I couldn't describe the location.

Q What time did you go there?

A I think we left Somerville under new time somewhere about 10:30.

MR. PFEIFFER: Mr. Dengler is in front of the witness. We can't hear him.

Q How did you get out to the place?



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A Mr. Totten and Sheriff Conklin and Mr. Novatto took me with them in a taxi.

Q Sheriff Conklin and who?

A Totten, Sheriff Conklin and Mr. Novatto.

Q When you arrived there what did you see?

A Well, I saw the two bodies laying side by side with the body of the minister to the right as you faced the bodies from what I would take to be the south with the feet probably toward the northeast as I understand the compass, with their heads toward the south or southwest.

Q And what was their general appearance, were the clothes disordered or in order?

A Absolutely in order.

Q How were Dr. Hall's hands and arms?

A At his sides.

Q How was Mrs. Mills' hands and arms?

A I think the one arm toward the minister was somewhat extended toward Dr. Hall's shoulders.

Q Was there any space between the bodies?

A Yes, there was a space.

Q Room for a person to kneel?

A Yes, sir, a space of about a foot.

Q Were there any articles about?

A Well, there were articles about, but I didn't touch them.

Q Do you know what they were?

A Well, they were letters.



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Q Did you notice where those letters were?

A I think they were lying between the bodies.

Q Did you see any cards around or a card at the foot - -

A I didn't see a card.

Q Did you examine the bodies to ascertain whether they had died a natural death or - -

A I did.

Q What did you ascertain as to Mrs. Mills' body?

A I ascertained Mrs. Mills had been shot through the head.

Q What portion of the head?

A The bullet wounds we saw that day went directly through the bone of the head.

Q You didn't identify any bullet wounds?

A I simply looked at the bodies at a distance, just standing over them.

Q What did you ascertain about any other injuries Mrs. Mills had?

A I saw Mrs. Mills' throat had been haggled, not cut.

Q What do you mean haggled?

A I saw that there had been more than one stroke made by the instrument.

Q Could it have been made with a blunt instrument?

A Could have been made with more than one cut.

Q Was there a sharp clear cut? A No.

Q At that time you couldn't tell where the cuts were?

A Couldn't say, could say they were in the throat.



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Q But you couldn't describe the number of them?

A Absolutely not.

Q What do you say about Dr. Hall's body?

A The bullet wound in his head could be seen. The wound of entrance.

Q How long were you there?

A I was there a long time that time. I didn't participate further.

Q What time did you leave?

A I think we were there an hour or an hour and a half.

Q That would be Saturday. Now on Sunday you gave a burial permit to these people without any autopsy, didn't you?

A I gave a permit to Mr. Sutphen to allow the bodies to be removed to New Brunswick. Technically they could be buried by no one knowing that to be.

Q Then you gave the permit, not for the purpose of interment, but for the purpose of removal?

A Positively?

Q And when did you ascertain they had been interred?

A After I saw Mr. Beekman on Tuesday afternoon.

Q And when you found they had been interred under your permit did you do anything to have them disinterred?

A I spoke to Mr. Beekman on Wednesday.

Q And were they then afterwards disinterred?

A They were.

Q And how long after they had been ~~disinterred~~ buried on



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this permit you gave for removal?

A Mrs. Mills' body was disinterred on a Tuesday, his a day following.

Q And when was the Doctor's disinterred?

A I think on the 9th of October.

Q So that on this permit which you intended for the removal of the bodies, the Doctor's body had been interred in another state?

A Somewheres in Brooklyn.

Q Now were you present at the autopsy? A I was.

Q You did not perform the autopsy? A I did not.

Q You were county physician? A I am.

Q Why didn't you order an autopsy or an inquest, here is a couple of people murdered in a funny way?

A The orders for an inquest had always come from the Prosecutor.

Q And you didn't get any? A I did not.

Q And how about the autopsy?

A I **reported** the condition of the bodies and their decomposition, and both verbally and gave him a short written statement.

Q You have those notes? A I have them home.

Q You have got copies of the notes you gave to the Prosecutor's Office?

A I have.

Q In other words you gave all the information that you had?



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A All that I had at that time.

Q You left it to the Prosecutor to order an inquest, or to order an autopsy, as they saw fit?

A I left it to the Prosecutor. Orders have always come from him for everything.

Q Now this permit was issued for removal on Sunday, wasn't it? A Sunday.

Q But the bodies were taken away on a Saturday, weren't they?

A No, I think Sunday.

Q The bodies were taken away on Saturday, weren't they?

A Mr. Totten came down and told me Mr. Hubbard was very insistent to get the body of Mr. Hall alone. I don't recall anything about Mrs. Mills.

Q And you didn't perform the autopsy?

A I was present at both.

Q When did you first see the Prosecutor of this County in reference to this murder?

A I think Tuesday afternoon, or Wednesday morning. I am pretty sure it would be Tuesday afternoon.

Q The Sheriff of the County was present with you?

A Mr. Conklin.

Q He was the Sheriff then? A He was.

Q Chief Peace Officer of the County. Did he do anything so as to preserve foot-prints or marks or to keep the public away from this murder scene on Saturday?

A Not that I saw.

Q Can you give me an account of the abrasions and cuts on



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the bodies? I have a memorandum that seems to be yours.

A I can.

Q Can you do it without this, (Indicating paper)?

A I can, I think.

Q Will you do it?

A I may make some slight mistakes. Mrs. Mills' entire right arm was contused from the shoulder to the wrist. I think her left elbow was also bruised.

Q Go ahead.

A That was all on Mrs. Mills.

Q Which arm was that?

A The right arm was contused and abraded from the shoulder to the wrist. I think that is correct.

Q You made some abdominal operation, didn't you?

A I examined Mrs. Mills' uterus for some particular reason he wanted.

Q He asked you to do it and you did it?

A He suggested that Sunday.

Q It was at his request? A Yes.

Q Then we will find out from him. Those were all the surface marks on Mrs. Mills, no scratches on the face, no marks on the face?

A You couldn't tell about the face. The face was decomposed.

Q But the only marks you remember now are these bruises on the right arm? A Contusions of the left elbow and the



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right arm.

Q Where did those contusions extend, from what point to what point?

A From the point just below the shoulder to the wrist.

Q Did she have on a dress?

A The dress was removed by Mr. Sutphen.

Q What were the nature of these contusions? Finger marks?

A Actually no finger marks. You couldn't see finger marks. They were apparently made by some blunt object.

Q By a blow?

A By a blow, or by a hand, or by anything.

Q Will you tell us what you think they were made by?

A I have never expressed any opinion.

Q Will you express any opinion?

A I think it was just the grip made by somebody's hand.

Q Now then, about the Doctor, what marks did you find on the Doctor?

A With the exception of the bullet wound, on which the autopsy didn't reveal anything different in the second examination than it did at the first, the Doctor showed a small abrasion over the left shoulder. I think on his left wrist there was an abrasion here, just about where my finger is, (witness indicates spot mentioned).

Q What would you describe that, anatomically?

A I would say on the anterior surface of the left wrist, about an inch above the thumb, there was an abrasion about the size of a ten cent piece.



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Q Was the skin broken?

A The skin was broken.

Q What other marks?

A I think there were some other lacerations above the wrist there.

Q Would you describe that mark as if somebody had gripped his wrist and tried to hold it?

A It is possible.

Q There has been some talk about the doctor's knuckles being broken. Did you see any broken knuckles?

A I didn't see any knuckles broken.

Q There was some public talk about the records being lost, which seemed to indicate yours was. As a matter of fact you always had your records?

A I surely had.

Q And you have them now? A I have.

Q Were you there when Willie Stevens was there?

A Well, I was there. I have never seen Mr. Stevens.

MR. PFEIFFER: May I ask the Senator to what he is referring?

Q Were you there at the time the identification of the bodies was made by one of the defendants here, Mr. Stevens?

MR. PFEIFFER: Where, Senator?

Q At the place where you found them?

A I was present with Mr. Hubbard, the undertaker, with two gentlemen whom I didn't know.



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Q Do you recognize them here?

A I recognize Mr. Stevens.

Q All right, well was he there with Mr. Hubbard?

A He was there.

Q What did he say when he was confronted with the bodies?

A One of the gentlemen in the crowd said, "That is them," or "That is him," I think "them."

Q Well, who said that?

A Why I think Mr. Stevens.

Q What was his exact language when he was brought to the place?

A I didn't see him brought to the place.

Q Did you see anybody walk all around the place, take a couple of circles?

A Mr. Stevens did.

Q Do you remember any other person by name there?

A Yes, I was introduced to somebody by Mr. Hubbard.

Q What was his name? A I think Stevens.

Q Did you see anybody besides Mr. Stevens, here, to whom you were introduced by name?

A No, I don't. I might have known him at that time.

Q Would your memory be refreshed if I read to you from an examination taken from you under oath on the 6th of August, at the State Police Headquarters when I examined you?

A Yes, if I had a copy of it.



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Q I will read it to you.

MR. MC CARTER: I object to the reading of it.

MR. SIMPSON: He says his memory would be refreshed. I have now his own statement in my hand on which I examined this man. He says his memory would be refreshed. I think his memory would be refreshed. He says his memory is faulty.

A I don't think it is faulty.

MR. SIMPSON: I would like to refresh his memory.

MR. MC CARTER: He says he doesn't think his memory is faulty. Now counsel has some statement which he wants to read. I don't think that is proper.

MR. SIMPSON: I want to show that I am surprised. I am surprised by him.

MR. MC CARTER: Which is the ground, to refresh his memory, or that you are surprised?

MR. SIMPSON: That is the ground, that I am surprised, so that all he says about either of the defendants can be wiped clear from the slate.

COURT: All right, counsel alleges surprise. I will permit it.

Q Did you testify under oath as follows on the date I have given you, "Did the whole family come or any member of it?"

"A. Mind you, I never knew these people, but I had known



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"A. Mind you, I never knew of these people, but I had met Mr. Hubbard, who is the family undertaker. I think about an hour after the bodies were found, I say an hour approximately I think, Mr. Hubbard came with a man who I think is Henry Carpenter and with William Stevens, I did not know him then, but I recognized him by his actions. They came there, I presume in his car. They came down there and I think Mr. Stevens went all the way around the bodies, took a couple of circles, but I remember Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Hubbard walked up toward the head of the bodies. I think they walked towards the heads. I don't recall if Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Carpenter walked together, but I know one of them said, 'This is them.'" Do you remember testifying to that effect?

A That is what I said before, I don't see any discrepancy in my testimony.

Q We are not asking you to characterize the testimony, sir. You are just a witness under oath.

CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. PFEIFFER:

Q I think you testified that you came to the scene where the bodies lay at ten thirty?

A I think I said we left Sommerville at ten thirty, new time, it was day light savings time.

Q I think the testimony--- I think it was not reported to



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the police until after eleven o'clock that the bodies were found. Is that correct, Senator Simpson?

MR. SIMPSON: I don't recall, Mr. Pfeiffer. When was it reported to the police--does the Major know? Ten thirty.

THE COURT: In your recollection whose testimony shows that?

MR. SIMPSON: Garrigan.

MR. DENGLE: It was yesterday afternoon.

It is not indexed yet. Page 265 about, Judge.

A I think we left Sommerville ten thirty.

Q Fast time? A. Yes, daylight saving time at that time.

Q Now, doctor, you have testified in connection with a bullet wound through the head of Mrs. Wills.

A No, Dr. Hall.

Q How did you say--will you just repeat--as to the direction of the bullet through Dr. Hall's head?

A The bullet had entered behind the left ear, about three inches below the left ear, and had emerged from the right ear, about an inch about and half an inch in front.

Q Your testimony is that the bullet entered in the lower hole and came out of the upper hole on the upper side of the head? A. I did. Afterwards verified by a partial autopsy in Brooklyn.

COURT: The record shows that Mr. Garrigan



says that the word came in about twenty minutes of eleven.

MR. PFEIFFER: Twenty minutes of eleven.

COURT: That was Garrigan's testimony.

Q I think there is testimony here to the effect that the bullet entered the head from the upper wound and came out from the lower. A. Not in my opinion, it did not.

Q I see, your opinion is that the bullet entered from the lower right left hand side and came out on the upper side.

A Yes, verified later by an autopsy in Brooklyn, not a complete autopsy.

Q How far apart were the bodies?

A As I stated before, about a foot or more.

Q About a foot or so? A. Just about that far, I couldn't give it in inches.

Q Well, was Mrs. Mills' extended arm--

A The left arm was extended.

Q Was that extended fully? A. I can't recall that.

Q Did her left hand touch Dr. Hall?

A Shoulder, I think it did.

Q So that it could not have been at that part of the bodies, the upper part of the bodies, they could not have been further apart than the length of her arm?

A I did not say the arm was fully extended. To absolutely describe that, I can't do any better.



Q Senator Simpson said something about Dr. Hall being buried out of the state. Were you informed that the burial plot of Mrs. Hall's family was in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn and that all her family had been buried there?

A I knew nothing about that.

Q Dr. Hall's body was partly decomposed, wasn't it?

A Yes, not so much as Mrs. Mills'.

Q Not so much as Mrs. Mills', yet it was badly decomposed.

A Yes, it was badly decomposed.

Q And for the purposes of health and as well as for any other reason an early burial was highly necessary?

A I don't wish to express an opinion on that point.

Q I see, you do not wish to express an opinion on that point.

A I could not, I am not an undertaker.

Q Doctor, what kind of a permit was it that you gave?

A That the body could not be removed from one county to another without you gave a regular death certificate.

Q Is that on a printed form?

A Printed form. The undertaker would require this to transport a body.

Q And you filled out two of those? A. I did.

Q One for Mr. Hall and one for Mrs. Mills?

A I did, and gave them to Mr. Sullivan.

Q To whom? A. Mr. Sutphen, the undertaker.

Q And upon those the bodies were transferred to New Brunswick?



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A Yes, to New Brunswick.

Q And that permit was so that the bodies could be removed?

A With the possibility of future action.

Q Now, would there be a separate burial permit? A. No.

Q So that the permit you gave was the kind you ordinarily gave for a burial? A. Same thing exactly.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. SIMPSON:

Q Well, in view of your statement that you did not give this permit except for purposes of removal, will you furnish us with a copy of the permit you gave?

A I haven't got them, they are filed in the Department of Vital Statistics.

Q Could these bodies be removed without your permit?

A No, the undertaker would not allow them to go.

Q When you gave the undertaker the permit did he tell you who to make it out to? A. Hubbard.

Q Sutphen was not going to bury the bodies?

A No, there was a question whether murders were committed.

Q You did not assume that there would be this interment at all?

A I did not assume there would be any interment unless some action was taken. I believed the bodies had been moved and disturbed after the crime was committed, and I have not changed my mind.

By Mr. Pfeiffer:

Q I did not get your last statement.



A No one possibly could have been shot and lie in that position.

BY MR. SIMPSON:

Q Well, if a man was shot and fell, couldn't his body be arranged where he laid? A. Could have been arranged.

Q Everybody seems to agree that they did not lay 'as they fell.

A Positively, that is my opinion, that they were changed.

Q Well, I can see that. Will you tell us exactly what you mean, what was the condition of the bodies which indicated or arranged after to you that they had been laid out, ~~arranged~~ they had been shot? A. The mere fact that the hat was put over Dr.

Hall's face. A person shot through the brain does not put a hat over his face.

Q And the woman's clothes were composed?

A Yes, I think the woman's right foot was elevated somewhat from the ground, I don't recall how much it was elevated or flexed.

R A Y M O N D S C H N E I D E R duly sworn for  
DIRECT EXAMINATION BY SENATOR SIMPSON:

Q Where do you live, Mr. Schneider? A. River Road.

Q Is that in this county? A. No, sir.

Q What county is it in? A. Middlesex.

Q On the 14th of September, 1922, where did you live?

A ~~Saghar~~ Sicard Street.